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Patent Application of:

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For: SPORTS APPARATUS SHAFT AND BLADE  
WITH ADDED IMPACT PROTECTION  
AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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Examiner: M. S. Graham

**AMENDMENT UNDER § 1.111**

**MS AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the Office Action dated March 14, 2011, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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